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CHICKEN SCRATCH:

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Oliver Claims two OVC Titles

CHARLESTON, Ill. — Sophomore Laveeta Oliver captured a pair of Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track & Field Titles on Saturday to lead Jacksonville State to a fourth-place finish in the OVC Indoor Championships on the campus of Eastern Illinois.

Oliver claimed the 200 meter run crown after establishing a new Jax State indoor record in the event that she set earlier this season. The Orange Park, Fla. sophomore posted a mark of 24.52 in the event. Earlier in the day, Oliver won the 60 meter event after clocking a time of 7.53.

JSU was well represented in the finals of the 200 meter run as OVC Freshman of the Year, Chanticleer



The grounds team planting Trees at the JSU Quad on Arbor day. Photo by Milea Hanner / THE CHANTICLEER

JSU Tree Campus

By **CAITLIN HARRIS**
STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty, and other citizens of Jacksonville gathered on the quad last Thursday for an Arbor Day Celebration sponsored by the Earth Club, the SGA and Jacksonville Boy Scout Troop 19. The ceremony was one of the final requirements to make Jacksonville State University a Tree Campus USA. After a presentation of the American flag by the Boy Scouts, Reverend Truman Norred gave a moving invocation in which he thanked God for the trees and nature. President Bill Meehan gave the opening remarks and said "I love to see people gather on the quad and enjoy the beauty of

Jackson. The president also remarked, fittingly, "These poems are built from wood." Before the final tree planting celebration, the Arbor Day committee gave their thanks to the people who made the event possible including faculty, students and various other community organizations and citizens. After this, a group that included the president of the Earth Club and Mr. Tory Green, all picked up shovels and completed the planting of the tree on the quad. "I think this is great. I hope we have more tree plantings in the future," said President Meehan after the event. He also stated "We appreciate the partnership of the Tree Commission and the City of Jacksonville and I'm glad we're a Tree Campus." Kenny Griffin pointed out

Career Fair

By **CAITLIN HARRIS**
STAFF WRITER

Networking can play a major role in determining what job a student may end up with when he or she leaves school. With networking a student is more widely known and has a greater chance in finding a career. Career services understands this concept very well, so they set up the Education Fair on Thursday, February 24 in Stephenson Gym to help education majors get a jump start in the job market.

Since it was at first a teachers college, also called a normal school in 1883, JSU has always placed a high standard on its education program and now produces more teachers than any other four year schools in the state, so it is no wonder school systems from all over flocked to meet and talk to future graduates of Jacksonville State University. The career services set up the Education Fair each year to help education majors network and find jobs when they graduate.

Becca Turner headed this program and was optimistic for the students "We hope that the school systems that are present today will certainly consider hiring JSU graduates and seniors or at least keep their resumes on file when an opportunity comes available in the future." Turner stated. Future graduates looked polished, excited, and hopeful with their resumes in hand ready to interact with their potential employers.

A total of fifteen different schools were represented; some as close as Oxford, Alabama. Even schools that were international programs based in sixteen different countries were present to take part in the fair, such as the Network of International Christian Schools. All the educational systems set up booths with pamphlets, information, and business cards to show the future teachers what majors they were targeting and interested in hiring. Students were able to

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JSU was well represented in the finals of the 200 meter run as OVC Freshman of the Year, Shamira Barrett, finished fourth in the finals with a mark of 25.27. Sophomore Elizabeth Bond turned in an eighth-place spot.

Jax State closed out the OVC meet with another top finish as the Gamecocks' 4x400 meter relay team routed the field with a time of 3:49.19. Bond, Oliver and Barrett were joined by Natasha Sturkie to make up the four-person squad.

Gamecock Season Ends With 77-75 Loss

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. – The Jacksonville State men's basketball team's season ended the way most of its games went on Saturday night, when Tennessee Tech battled back to hand the Gamecocks a 77-75 loss at the Eblen Center.

In a season that saw the Gamecocks (5-25, 3-15 Ohio Valley Conference) play 23 games that were decided by 10 points or less, nine of those decided by four or fewer, the finale went the same way. Playing without leading scorer and rebounder Nick Murphy, who sat out his final career game with a knee injury suffered in last week's loss to Eastern Michigan, JSU turned elsewhere for its offensive support and got double figures from four players.

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Afterwards, Mayor Johnny Smith proclaimed February 24 Arbor Day in the city of Jacksonville, gave a speech on the origins of the holiday and presented gifts to both President Meehan and Mr. Kenny Griffin. Student Alexandra Mosley, member of the Earth Club, gave a speech on how important trees are for the environment, including how they help to stop erosion.

The Johnny Appleseed award, named after the man who planted thousands of trees all across the nation, was presented to Justin Wesley, an Eagle Scout who earned the award for his part in the pine grove restoration. SGA representative Tory Green gave a speech in which he said "Because of Arbor Day, I think this city is more beautiful." He also remarked that as long as he is at JSU, he would do his best to make sure we celebrate this holiday every year. The Arbor Day Poem Contest winner was then announced. Alex Ward, the winner, read his poem which was described as "rustic" and "tightly-knit" by the Writer's Club president, Myke

included the president of the Earth Club and Mr. Tory Green, all picked up shovels and completed the planting of the tree on the quad.

"I think this is great. I hope we have more tree plantings in the future," said President Meehan after the event. He also stated "We appreciate the partnership of the Tree Commission and the City of Jacksonville and I'm glad we're a Tree Campus." Kenny Griffin pointed out that over twenty million trees have been planted in urban landscapes because of events like this. "We've planted approximately sixty trees in the city to replace the ones we lost," he said. Susan Di Biase, the "driving force" behind this event, said "Jacksonville has absolutely gorgeous landscaping. Our landscaping crew has done a fantastic job and they deserve to be recognized for their efforts."

Lindsay Cochran, vice-president of the Earth Club, stressed the importance of cleaning up after yourself, picking up trash around campus and remembering to throw away it away in the "appropriate containers". She also mentioned they are trying to get recycling bins for the campus, and gave a reminder that there are recycling bins in Martin Hall. Students are also encouraged to visit the Tree City USA website at <http://www.arborday.org/programs/treecampususa/> for more information.

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The Education Fair is also an easier way for the student to transition into the working force of his or her major because they can meet with possible employers and get an idea of where he or she may work in the near future. It also shows students possibilities they may not have otherwise been aware of. At the end of the day, this program was a great networking opportunity and experience for both the future employees and employers.

The Jacksonville State career services will also be hosting the Career Opportunity Fair on March 2. This fair will be held in Merrill Hall Atrium from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All students as well as alumni are invited to attend this event and bring their resumes.

SGA PRESIDENT RESIGNS

By ED MOORE
STAFF WRITER

It has been reported by the Department of Student Life that as of February 16, 2011, Timothy K. Long has since resigned from his position as Jacksonville State University's SGA President. Reasons for his resignation at this time are unknown to the university and are being declared that the resignation came to pass due to "personal reasons".

"Charles Dixon is the new SGA President," said Terry Casey, Director of Student Life. "The SGA Advisor followed protocol. We were notified and Charles Dixon was sworn in

as president before lunch on the 16th."

Jason A. Sumner, who was formally the President Pro Tempore, is now the Vice President of the Student Senate. Casey said that he doesn't believe Long's sudden resignation will have much effect on the remaining school year. "We are moving in the direction of getting a new state of officers," he added. Timothy Long has been the SGA President at Jacksonville State University since April of 2010. Casey agreed that although Long's sudden resignation did release an air of sadness throughout the department, the work exemplified by Long during his tenure was that of impressive magnitudes. "Anytime that a student leader is unable to fulfill their responsibilities, it's sad-



Former SGA President Tim Long. Archives

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Wacky Tacky and True:
Paris Hilton's birthday cake stolen, given to charity.



Photo by Steve Latham

Gamecocks Rally To Sweep Tennessee

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Jacksonville State baseball team rallied from seven runs down on Sunday to sweep Middle Tennessee with a 12-9 win in 10 innings at Reese Smith Jr. Field.

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COMMUNITY, CAMPUS AND SOCIAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

Wacky, Tacky, but True!

Egyptian Man Names His First Child Facebook!



It's going to be SO HARD to find this child on Facebook when she gets old enough to have an account!

As a tribute to the role that "social media service played in organizing the protests in Tahrir Square and beyond" in Egypt, an Egyptian man has named his firstborn daughter Facebook.

All jokes aside, we're happy to hear that Facebook and other social media sites have had such a profound, positive impact on Egypt, especially during such difficult times.

We wish newborn baby Facebook and her family all the best!

...And yes, we'll be eagerly awaiting word on a baby Perez being born. Ha!

that that thing was put to good use and completely eaten!

In the immortal words of Marie Antoinette, "qu'ils mangent de la brioche!" LOLz!

Thoughts??

Former President of MADD Gets Arrested For Drunk Driving



This woman should be ashamed of herself!

Debra Oberlin, former president of Gainesville, Florida's MADD chapter, was arrested for driving under the influence.

As you may or may not know, MADD stands for Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

One For All

"All for one, one for all, that is our device."

-Alexandre Dumas

By Logan Huggins
Staff Columnist

If there is one part of academia I am thoroughly confident of myself in, its tests. To me, its always fun using my sense of deduction and my process of elimination to weed out wrong answers in order to find the solution. Sometimes, I feel like I'm playing a three to four page game of chess, methodically matching wits with my professor.

This weird fixation of mine first appeared in grade school. I remember actually looking forward to SAT week. No homework, no classwork and the teachers were all on their best behaviors with school administrators breathing down their necks. I loved those tests. Later in high school, when I took the ACT, it was essentially the same story. However, the ACT was only one afternoon; no week-long cruise through A,B,C, or D's. It was here that I learned that not everyone shared my enthusiasm for the tests. Apparently, in the same way people can or cannot be "math" or "science" people; some students aren't "standardized-testing people."

But not me! I had cracked the code. I was like some long-haired Tom Hanks scouring the catacombs of tests: conquering confusing true and false, vanquishing redundant multiple choice, and clobbering even the most over-worded matching questions. Even the more difficult testing schemes, such as fill in the blank and discussion questions were nothing to fear.

OK, flash forward to last week. I had been issued my newest challenge: the ECE. The English Competency Exam, is something every JSU student has to take, once they become a Junior.

My time had finally come. I had a showdown at the Stone Center. With nothing but my student I.D, two blue or black ink pens, a blue book, and a

never missed a tiny rubber eraser as much in my entire life. Fortunately, "scratch-outs," "add-ins," and other blemishes would not be held against us as long as it was legible. Oh, Open Office, Oh Word; How I miss thee...

Anyway, I slowly trudged through three and a half pages in an exhausting hour and a half. Not being in any hurry, I went back and looked over my work, trying to salvage what I could. In that short hour and a half, my nice and clean blue book had become a grammatical battlefield. With black pen marks through several whole lines, my ever changing calligraphy, and smear marks where my nervous hands had been; it was a mess. But, it was legible! And that's all that counted.

As I left the Stone Center, I left as a defeated man, deflated. I had been ousted by a three to four sentence topic.

As if my aesthetic mistakes weren't enough, I became suddenly paranoid. Had I even answered the topic fully? Waves of doubt and worrying crashed over me. My entire evening was ruined. I was on edge, even though the test had been finished and turned in hours ago.

The next day, I was reminded of something.

No matter what our situation may be, worrying about it doesn't help anything. Worrying is completely useless, especially when we worry about things outside of our control. Did me beating myself up later that night about misspellings help my final score at all? No. Does losing sleep over whether or not you had good subject-verb agreement automatically add ten points to your test? Of course not!

How about this one. Does worrying and complaining about gas prices help them go down? Obviously not. What it does do is add anxiety and angst to the general conversation, which actually causes the prices to go even higher!

Self help guru, Wayne Dyer puts it perfectly, "It makes no sense to worry about things you have no control over because there's nothing you can do

We wish newborn baby Facebook and her family all the best!

...And yes, we'll be eagerly awaiting word on a baby Perez being born. Ha!

Paris Hilton's Stolen Birthday Cake Donated to Homeless Shelter

Well, at least they did some good with their thievery!

After an incredibly drunk party-crasher named Paz got himself into Paris Hilton's birthday party without an invitation, he caused quite a bit of controversy by stealing her uneaten, three-tiered birthday cake and chronicling the entire debacle via Facebook!

Now, it appears that the sordid, HIGHlarious tale has now come to an end, because this modern day Robin Hood donated the entire cake to a homeless shelter in downtown El Lay!

Ha! As ridiculous as this whole story is, we ARE happy to hear

This woman should be ashamed of herself!

Debra Oberlin, former president of Gainesville, Florida's MADD chapter, was arrested for driving under the influence.

As you may or may not know, MADD stands for Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Oberlin was pulled over by police around 1 am last week after officers saw her driving erratically. She was swerving and crossing lanes before they pulled her over.

Failing a field sobriety test, Oberlin had a .234 blood-alcohol level, which far surpasses the state's legal limit of .08.

A spokesperson for MADD made a statement concerning Oberlin's arrest, saying:

"MADD is concerned to hear about the recent alleged drunk driving arrest of Debra Oberlin. MADD commends law enforcement for their efforts to keep our roads safe and are hopeful that no one was hurt as a result of this incident."

Yes, thankfully nobody was hurt. We hope this woman has learned her lesson.

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"Not a problem," I proudly thought, "I'm a columnist for goodness sake."

Well, the more I got into my assignment, the more I realized I had underestimated the ECE.

As soon as my pen touched the blue book, every single thought or topic I had developed had flown the coop. My brain matched the contents of the paper- completely empty.

Eventually, my writers' block coma faded enough for me to get started. Right out of the gate, I realized that two key resources that I had relied on were AWOL.

The ECE, as a test that evaluates students' basic ability with the English language, is hand written. I had no handy spell check, no nice and neat New Times Roman. Suddenly I was catapulted back to 5th grade. My chicken scratch handwriting, complete with extra capital letters and misspellings, slowly filled my blue book.

The second asset I had lost was the simple ability to correct a mistake. For whatever reason, the ECE must be taken with pens, not pencils. I had

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Self help guru, Wayne Dyer puts it perfectly, "It makes no sense to worry about things you have no control over because there's nothing you can do about them, and why worry about things you do control? The activity of worrying keeps you immobilized."

I love that last part. Worry keeps us immobilized. When we worry about things outside of our control, we willingly wrap ourselves in a boa constrictor of paralyzing torment.

This week, if you find yourself anxious about something. Ask yourself, "What am I worrying about? And is there anything I can personally do to fix it?" If not, then let it go.

"Let it go" may seem easier said than done but its really not. We all have the ability to chose what we dwell upon, so why not chose to dwell on what we want? If you catch yourself slipping into a mindset of worry, mentally make yourself change the subject. Its your brain, make it work for you not against you.

The Point: "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?" -Luke 12:25 (NIV)

Till next time,
Logan
(Loganhuggins1@gmail.com)

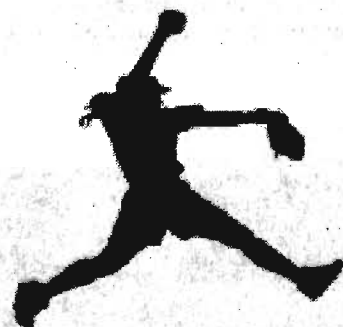
P.S. I passed the ECE. :)

Complied by Kevin Brant, courtesy Perez Hilton.com

Calendar

Today

AOII's Annual Strike Out Arthritis
Where: Henry Farms (fields behind Jacksonville Hospital)
When: 5:00-10:00 pm
Sponsored by: Alpha Omicron Pi



March 7



SGA Candidate Speeches
Where: TMB Auditorium
When: 7:00 pm
Sponsored by: SGA
Contact: Debbie Taylor @ dbtaylor@jsu.edu

March 24

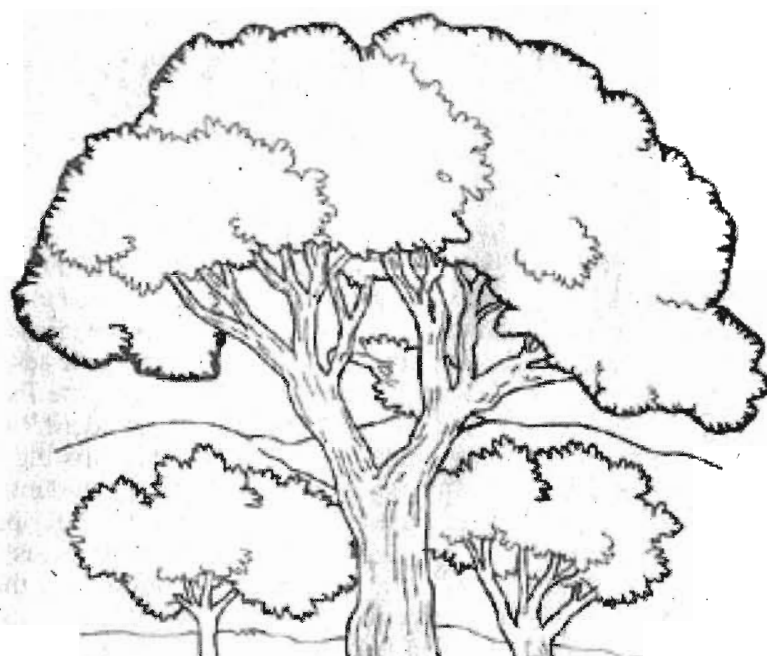


Cents'able Gamecocks
Where: Anders Round House
When: 3:30-4:30 pm
Sponsored by: Counseling Services
Contact Linda Shelton: lshelton@jsu.edu

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CHICKEN SCRATCH

VOTE FOR PAUL MCDONALD ON AMERICAN IDOL HE IS SOO SEXY!!

Pictures actually do not last longer, sadly.

I like your articles Logan

I'm your truth, telling lies

Slower traffic keep right.

You Wanna Know What I Do For Adventure? I hang glide on a dorrito.

Can someone call Animal Control on Sasquatch and get him kicked off campus? Please!!!

I'm afraid to drink sodas because I'm afraid the bubbles might make me float up onto the ceiling :(

Do you wanna know what I use for a bean bag chair? A raisin.

someone somewhere is having a birthday...Happy Birthday

No, DJ Funky Fresh is the best DJ in Jacksonville!

Good news, the test results were negative!

If you were a library book I'd check you out.

Hey... Pull My Finger

SQUIREL POWER!!

No, seriously... You don't even know what you are talking about. Last time I checked you can't get inside my heart and know what I am feeling! BACK OFF!

What does AEA mean? (Editor's Note: it means Alabama Education Association)

Mason Hall is the place to be. Never a dull moment.

Things Max Cleland can't do: Zumba

We're swapping chickens and we're swapping wives?

neither do you

Chuck Norris enjoyed the gospel at colonous. What about you?

You May Cross pelham street!!

Attention everyone Kevin Brant is da man!!!

Anderson Cooper from CNN is a very cool guy.

Why is it that the speed limit on campus is 20 MPH but most people drive 40 and still get no ticket for it?

I can remember the days you used to have to walk to class here at JSU before we had the Gamecock Express.

I hate thunderstorms!!!

Paper or Plastic?

I am Optimus prime.

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The Gospel at Colonus

By: CAITLIN HARRIS
 STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday evening, Lee Breuer and Bob Telson's *The Gospel at Colonus* debuted at the TMB auditorium. The play was directed by Susan McCain and Jason Wright, and was made possible through a grant from the Calhoun County Commission. The soul food dinner that had been advertised was cancelled due to lack of reservations, but this didn't put a damper on the night at all. The energy of the show was present before it even started, during the last-minute rehearsals and set up. Once the lights finally went off, the only thing visible in the room was a black screen with huge red letters reading 'POWER'. The play opened up with a video presentation, the screen lifted and the play began. The play tells the story of Oedipus as it happens around them, with the reverend, played by Jason Wright, acting as a bridge and the voice of Oedipus to the congregation.

I was immediately blown away by the talent and energy of JSU's Gospel Choir, which was directed by Dr. Myrtice Fields Collins. The singers and rhythm band were so incredibly talented and it felt like an actual church service. The character Oedipus, played by Boyace Pope, sat behind the choir on the stage with his head in his hand, completely still and wearing a pair of sunglasses to show Oedipus' blindness after having put out his eyes. He was soon joined on stage by Michael McDonald as Theseus, Issa Pointer as Antigone and Jean Tafari Ellison as Ismene. Impressively enough, Ms. Pointer later remarked that this had been her first play. Her

the section with Creon, played by Desmond Winn, asking Oedipus to come home and Oedipus' reply. At some point during that part, a bowl fell to the ground and I can't for the life of me figure out if it was on purpose or not. If it wasn't, it was handled so naturally that it actually added a very interesting effect.

Before the play started, I spoke with Susan McCain who told me "We encourage audience participation! Consider yourself a cast member." This was so true. The chemistry between the cast and choir spread into the audience, and more than once members of the audience were clapping, singing, getting up and dancing along with the music. The audience was further pulled into the action during the cursing of Polynieces, son of Oedipus. This was an extremely powerful scene, and Polynieces was wonderfully portrayed by Scott Marzette. He even went as far as to topple over a chair in the audience before slouching into a chair in the back, in character even when he was off stage. It was details like these- including the interesting contrast of formal and casual clothing next to both solemn and energetic music- that really pulled the show together.

Even after the show ended, I found myself dwelling on the climax of the play: Oedipus' death. Boyace Pope removed his sunglasses and walked down the aisle and out of the auditorium. It wasn't until later that night that I realized the powerful symbolism behind that, and the entire scene was hauntingly beautiful, especially the solo by Issa Pointer and the song "Let the Weeping Cease" by Michael McDonald. The ending was

might make me float up onto the ceiling :(

Do you wanna know what I use for a bean bag chair? A raisin.

someone somewhere is having a birthday...Happy Birthday!

GODZIRA IS HERE!!!!!!!

Why is Jacksonville so DARK?

You were adopted.

If you were a booger I'd eat you first.

Mason Hall is the place to be. Never a dull moment.

Things Max Cleland can't do: Zumba

We're swapping chickens and we're swapping wives? What? - Ivo Sparkman Hall 2011 :)

Live from Cedartown in the historic Strom Thurmond Theatre, it's Reconstruction Radio featuring the hit recording artist Ol' Massa!

Roses are red violets are blue I don't have a clue and

I hate thunderstorms!!!

Paper or Plastic?

I am Optimus prime.

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show Oedipus' blindness after having put out his eyes. He was soon joined on stage by Michael McDonald as Theseus, Issa Pointer as Antigone and Jean Tafari Ellison as Ismene. Impressively enough, Ms. Pointer later remarked that this had been her first play. Her performance was phenomenal. I was also highly impressed with Ms. Ellison's performance. She has a beautiful, expressive voice and I found myself looking forward to her appearances. However, the entire cast was impressive, even little Miss Niki Bush. Everyone was so natural and it didn't feel like they were just acting; they became their characters.

I can't stress enough how amazing the music was. All of the cast members and the choir perfectly expressed the emotions of their character through the songs. One minute, the audience was laughing at the hilarious remarks from the choir and the next they were moved to tears by the plight of Oedipus expressed through song. I especially liked

aisle and out of the auditorium. It wasn't until later that night that I realized the powerful symbolism behind that, and the entire scene was hauntingly beautiful, especially the solo by Issa Pointer and the song "Let the Weeping Cease" by Michael McDonald. The ending was amazing; the final solo, "Lift Him Up", sung by Jackie Stamps was the perfect way to express the way Oedipus had been finally freed from this world.

It has a lot to do with life in general." True words indeed and I found myself dwelling on the story even after going home. The only thing I would suggest is to familiarize yourself with the original tale of Oedipus before seeing this show, as it requires some previous knowledge. It makes a world of difference and the story will be twice as thought-provoking. I very much enjoyed the experience and if I'd had the chance, I would have gone again the next night. I hope everyone got a chance to go see it because it was definitely worth the time."



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NEWS ABOUT ART, MOVIES AND MORE

JSU instructors rewarded by their students

BY: ANDREW HOLDERFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Four JSU instructors recently received grants for participating and excelling in the IDEA Student Ratings of Instructors program, which allows students to give objective feedback about the education experience they've received from specific teachers.

JSU instructors Dr. Rebecca Peinhardt, Ms. Jauneth Skinner, Ms. Audria White and Dr. Raina Kostova were this year's recipients of the grants. The Idea Center, creators of Student Ratings of Instructors system, rewards not only favorable feedback, but also participation and implementation.

Students were encouraged to take part by either submitting paper evaluation forms, or by simply logging on to The Idea Center's website. This allowed them to express their thoughts and responses on how material was presented to them and how well they felt that they had retained it.

"I believe that I can better help students learn if I take into account the responses about their experience in the classroom," explained Dr. Kostova, an assistant English professor. "I think it is important to have a dialogue between students and their instructors about the learning process at JSU, and IDEA is part of that dialogue. Based on student evaluations I have been able to improve my teaching strategies and examination methods and as a result, both my students and I, hopefully, have had a more productive and satisfying academic experience."

Teachers who receive exceedingly positive feedback and/or show impressive improvement over previous years are awarded by The Idea Center's annual grant to aid in their pursuit of profession perfection. This can help motivate students and school administrators to take part in the program.

"[I] most likely will spend it on books and research related to my teaching," added Dr. Kostova.

Such assets as national and regional comparison to others in similar fields and classes, group summary reports and downloadable student learning kits also help to encourage participation and improvement.

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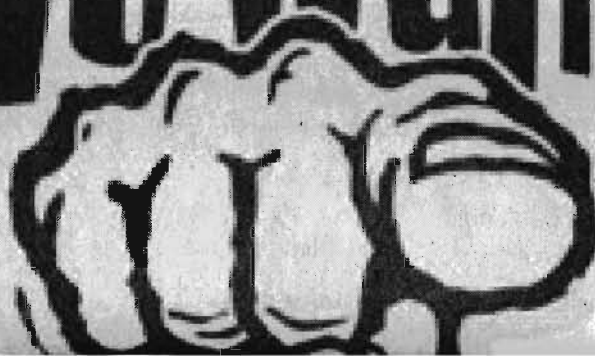
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Hairspray: Local Theater Conquers Broadway Hit

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Very few plays have crossed the gap from being popular among certain theatrical circles to becoming beloved mainstream favorites. A few notable success stories are plays such as *Sound of Music*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Rent*, and more recently, *Hairspray*.

Although *Hairspray* was already a success on the stage, the star-filled 2007 film made it a household name. It also reminded people who John Travolta was. Even though, he was in complete drag.

Well, the ambitious community theater of Gadsden, CharACTers Entertainment Inc, has chosen the daring task of bringing such a beloved and massive show to our humble area.

I had the opportunity to take the 15 minute trip to Gadsden State's Wallace Hall and see where their attempts would land. Would they fulfill my expectations of being a community theater, a rank which, to me, is just slightly higher than high school Christmas plays. Or would they be able to surprise me?

As I made my way into the Wallace Hall Fine Arts Center, into the enormous 1,200 seat auditorium, I began to doubt my low expectations of what a community theater could do. Beautiful hand-painted set pieces hung suspended 40 feet above the stage. Behind the pieces, dozens and dozens of LED stage lights illuminated the closed curtain with a rainbow of psychedelic shades. I

was still soaking up the pre-show atmosphere, when the house lights dimmed and the show began.

As soon as the orchestra, led by JSU's own Scott Johnson, began the overture; I knew I was in for a musical treat. *Hairspray*'s colossal score encompasses several different genres of music, while at the same time, performing them all in the same type of Broadway/show-tune excitement. Simply put, Mr. Johnson's orchestra fully lived up to the massive task of delivering the musical's fabulous soundtrack.

However, as we all know, a musical involves more than just the orchestra.

Hairspray's cast explodes with talented individuals. From the lead character to background ensemble members, and everyone in between; the show was oozing thespian ability.

Several of JSU's students and drama department veterans make significant contributions to the production while playing several key roles. Randa Tolbert and Amanda Moore shine as two hilarious dancers from the "Corny Collins' Show." Chad Miller (who has been in several JSU productions, including *Seussical: The Musical*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *H.M.S. Pinafore*) brings to life Corny Collins, the epitome of hip 60's TV show hosts. He is the absolute embodiment of all things "corny." Omar Brock (who was Lumiere in JSU's production of *Beauty and the Beast*) cruises

in as the ultra-smooth, super-suave Seaweed J. Stubbs. JSU freshmen, Lauren Crider subtly steals the show as the plaid skirted, pig-tailed, awkward-dancing Penny Lou Pingleton. Throughout the show, the audience is enchanted by Crider's ability to turn on the quirkiness, as well as the laughs. The evening's brightest star to shine was the larger than life, Tracy Turnblad, played by JSU student, Erika Pruitt. Being new to the world of theatrics, this is Pruitt's first ever lead role. From the moment she wakes up to the final bow, Pruitt explodes with showstopping charisma and excitement. I cannot say enough about this incredibly talented cast.

One of the more impressive things about *Hairspray*, is its director. Cody Carlton, who is only 20 years old, has been directing since he was 15! Carlton's production rivaled that of directors twice his age. It was phenomenal.

Probably the most impressive aspect of this show is that CharACTer's production is the Alabama premiere of *Hairspray*. This is the first time *Hairspray* has ever been performed in our state!

This weekend is the final weekend to see *Hairspray*.

Shows are March 4th and 5th at 7:30 p.m. and March 6th at 2:30 p.m.

Student tickets are \$8.

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dening to me," Casey expressed.

"His excitement of getting some school spirit back into our student body, he was a Stadium and perhaps his biggest accomplishment, the signing of The Student Bill 103. This bill allows a larger pool of students to becoming eligible for the executive offices of the Student Government Association. Before this bill was signed, a student could only hold executive offices if he/she held a previous seat on the executive team or as a student senator. With this bill, ANY student who has achieved a sophomore ranking of 32 credits with a cumulative 2.5 GPA may run for an executive position. The office of the president however requires a cumulative 2.75 GPA. "We definitely had a great working relationship over the past year," said Patricia Hobbs, Director of Public Relations here at JSU.

"He did great work during football season the past year. Anything we ever needed from him he was always there and took right care of it. He was always very professional in the work that he did." The Department of Student Life, as of this point, has now focused its attention on moving forward with the affairs of the department with the remaining tenures of Dixon and Sumner, and towards the SGA elections that are scheduled to take place in the upcoming weeks. "We've tried to move on from the resignation," said Casey. "I am going to miss Tim being SGA President. Tim and I had a good working relationship. I fully support Charles Dixon and Jason Sumner. I will continue to work with students to make sure we pull off our goals." As of 1996, Long is the first person to resign from the Office of SGA President.



Jackie Northam addressed the JSU community Feb.24 at the Ayers Lecture Series. Photo courtesy Jackie Northam

NPR'S JACKIE NORTHAM AT JSU

By **CHANTAY ROBERTSON**
SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

Police put their lives on the line everyday, sometimes several times a day to protect the community. Doctors experience with their own eyes life and death, most of them daily. United States troops often board planes, leaving behind all possessions and loved ones, to go to an unfamiliar land to keep freedom and safety for all. All those jobs are important and the position must take an important qualified person to operate in that area.

Jackie Northam, a correspondent in Foreign Affairs, is an important person in the news department. Northam leaves her possessions, loved ones and comfort as needed to go research and report urgent news happening all over the world. Northam

you will be ready."

Northam gave JSU communication students many valuable pointers to help them develop into professional people. Northam shared what would help a journalist to succeed: "In today's world you must have tough skin." Northam has spent time in lands such as Afghanistan, Pakistan and Haiti.

Northam covered the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. She explained about her time in Rwanda, calling the event as "evil".

Northam said, "History is happening before our eyes." She gave an example as the fall of Saddam Hussein. Northam expressed how rewarding it was to see girls coming out of school buildings smiling and holding hands.

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doing my job," said Northam. "I have learned to protect myself wherever I am, through the years. Many times I am flying and traveling into the very place people are leaving. I have learned to get a translator and someone that can help me get to where I need to be."

Northam said she usually doesn't feel comfortable speaking in front of a group of people, but she enjoys coming and sharing her knowledge with students. She said it is a way of giving back, it reminds her of all the people who helped her along the way.

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Jackie Northam, a correspondent in Foreign Affairs, is an important person in the news department. Northam leaves her possessions, loved ones and comfort as needed to go research and report urgent news happening all over the world. Northam might prepare for bed in Washington D.C. where she resides, but before the night is over, she could be packing to fly to another country.

Northam deals closely with the media, to communicate news to the United States. Northam is a journalist who travels overseas and reports the news. Northam has built relationships with people around the world. It helps to know people. "You never know when you will need them. Watch your reputation, always think long term," Northam said. "Don't judge a book by its cover, and treat all people with respect."

Northam emphasized in a question and answer seminar at Jacksonville State University. "Take advantage of all new opportunities, learn as much as you can so when an opportunity presents itself,

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When students asked Northam if she had ever been in danger or injured while reporting, she responded by telling of an event when she was 'roughed up a little' but not hurt. Northam said, "As a reporter, I felt like I had arrived."

Northam said she began her journey as a photographer, but has been in the business for 25 years. She said she doesn't consider herself a good speaker and would rather be off by herself.

A communication student was wondering if she was able to write exactly what she saw, or if her writing had to be approved before told and published. "My job is not about what I think, or how I feel, I'm not a communicator, but a reporter," said Northam. "No, I can't just write what ever I want."

Northam explains how she deals with the raw devastation she encounters in foreign countries. "I view myself as a police officer or a doctor, just

students. She said it is a way of giving back, it reminds her of all the people who helped her along the way.

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A communication student asked Northam to explain a time when she felt unsafe. Northam told a story about when she was in Afghanistan and was going to ride through a very dangerous area, she said she was told to put on the garments to blend in, but she was afraid, because she didn't want to be mistaken for Osama Bin Laden. Northam said she is taller than most men there, so she just traveled as she was, without the garments.

According to the JSU Newswire website, Northam has received many journalism awards during her career, including the Associated Press award, Edward R. Morrow award of journalism and also won an Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University award

Picture of the Week



Members of the the Baseball Team look on in support of their team during last wednesday's game versus Kennesaw state. The Gamecocks ended up losing the game 9-6. **Photo by Milea Hanner/THE CHANTICLEER**

Sports

STOLEN!

JSU gives up 6-2 lead to fall to Owls

By **DERRICK ROBINSON**
SPORTS WRITER

The JSU baseball team came up short against Kennesaw State University in a 9-6 game on Wednesday night at Rudy Abbott Field.

The Gamecocks let a 6-2 lead slip away after the seventh inning as Kennesaw State scored their final seven runs in the last three innings of the game, with four of them coming in the ninth inning.

JSU found themselves down by one run in the first inning but soon took the lead 2-1 in the bottom of the first off of a Ben Waldrip single to right field that allowed Junior Kyle Bluestein to score the run for the lead. The Gamecocks tacked on three more runs in the fifth inning.

Of JSU's 12 hits in the game only two came after fifth inning.

Junior Erik Underwood finished the game hitting 3-for-4, which brought his season batting average to .625.

Senior Jake Sharrock went 2-for-3 with two walks, that brought his batting average for the season to .714 and his on base percentage to .800.

The Gamecocks had no answer for the hitting clinic the Owls were putting on.

The Gamecock coaching staff used six different pitchers during the game to try and slow down Kennesaw State's offensive hitting. Sophomore Hunter Rivers started the game for the Gamecocks. Rivers pitched for three and one third innings. He had three strike outs but walked four batters and gave up three hits in his pitching duties. Junior Todd Hornsby (0-1) picked



JSU Rugby members engage in a scrum against Furman players. Photo by Kevin Brant THE CHANTICLEER

"Growing" Pains

By **MAURICE WINSELL**
SPORTS EDITOR

A lack of eligible players forced the JSU Club Rugby team to a 15-0 forfeit against Furman this past Sunday. Despite the forfeit, JSU played Furman in a match using ineligible players and were shut out by an unofficial score of 60-0.

"We don't have numbers," said Coach Michael Trowse, who could be seen passionately speaking to the team from the sidelines. Trowse is in his ninth year as head coach for the JSU Club Rugby team. "We need to

of Furman's mistakes.

JSU's only attempt at points would come when Marsh attempted a kick on goal (similar to a field goal) in hopes of getting three points, but the kick went wide left. It would be the last time JSU would be in a position to score.

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ful in the fall against schools such as Alabama, Auburn and Ole Miss.

The team relies on membership dues of \$80 to pay referees, trophies and other expenses. An additional \$30 of each member is paid once a year to the Georgia Rugby Union, a non-profit organization created in the late 70s to promote rugby in the Southeastern region of the United States.

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Kennesaw State's offensive hitting Sophomore Hunter Rivers started the game for the Gamecocks. Rivers pitched for three and one third innings. He had three strike outs but walked four batters and gave up three hits in his pitching duties. Junior Todd Hornsby (0-1) picked up the loss for the game. Hornsby pitched one and one third innings giving up three hits and four runs.

The Gamecocks will face Harvard Friday, March 4th in a three game home series.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 4

WBB vs Tennessee State
2 p.m. (OVC Tournament)

MTEN vs Alabama State
1:30 p.m.

WTEN vs Alabama State
1:30 p.m.

BB vs Harvard
3 p.m.

Mar 5

MTEN vs Shorter
in Anniston, Ala. (Anniston CC)
10 a.m.

WTEN vs Shorter
in Anniston, Ala. (Anniston CC)
10 a.m.

BB vs Harvard (DH)
1 p.m.

Mar 6

BB vs Harvard
12 noon

Mar 8

BB vs Samford
6:30 p.m.

March 10

SB vs Kennesaw State
5 p.m.

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"We don't have numbers," said Coach Michael Trowse, who could be seen passionately speaking to the team from the sidelines. Trowse is in his ninth year as head coach for the JSU Club Rugby team. "We need to do some recruiting, get some quality people here who attend practices," he added.

Furman took advantage of the team's inexperience by displaying a fast offense that included effective passing. JSU did not help matters committing too many penalties that resulted in rucks and lacked the ability to tackle correctly.

"Our fundamentals are sloppy," said Team Captain Donovan Marsh. JSU went into half time down 31-0 hoping to find a way to obtain a competitive edge.

Marsh explained that a huge loss of experienced players due to graduation seemed to affect the mood of the game. "We've had to fill those spots with people that have only been playing this sport for a week," he added.

The second half found JSU trying to push into Furman's territory however; poor passing resulted in JSU's inability to capitalize on some

tion to score.

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The rest of the half saw most of the inexperienced players getting some well-needed action. In what could be seen as a blowout was actually a learning process for the team and the newer players.

"The new players are coming along as expected," said Trowse, "It's some of the older players just falling into bad habits."

Trowse acknowledged that the team panicked during different moments of the game. "Rugby is a game that the longer you play, the slower the game becomes," he added.

Marsh sees this season as a "growing season" for everyone, especially the young players, who he hopes will stick around for them to be success-

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Despite the lack of funding from the university and the SGA, the rugby team stays committed in their push for getting back into the shape it used to be when it was nationally ranked tenth in 2004.

Trowse expressed that any individual interested in joining the team could attend practices held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. Practices are located at the field behind fraternity row.

"I think this next week's practice is going to give us a chance to turn it around," said Marsh. JSU Rugby continues this Saturday as the Gamecocks face North Georgia in another match held at the intramural field.

The intramural field is located behind the coliseum next to JSU's track.

"We're going to beat North Georgia," said Marsh, "We're gonna bring the heat on them, finish the season with a bang."

No Man's Land

"Unforced errors" leave Coach Bailey hoping for better execution down the stretch

By JOSHUA FRENCH
STAFF WRITER

A warm Saturday morning featured the JSU men's tennis in action as they faced Tennessee Tech in a spirited contest. Despite the 5-2 loss, Coach Stephen Bailey seemed optimistic about the performance.

"We played very hard. Everybody was in to it today and played their heart out. We went out and just came up short," said Bailey.

The team won only one of the doubles matches and only two of the singles matches. The winners of the doubles match were Nenand

Marcec and Axel Sandburg, while Igor Santos and Felipe Watanabe each won their respective singles matches.

"If you win the doubles you get one point. We lost two matches and only won one. Then each of the singles is worth one point. We won the five and six spots," said Bailey.

Errors seemed to plague the team that led to the loss despite the passionate effort by each player.

"We have got to correct mistakes," said Bailey, "What I saw today was that we made too many unforced errors."

Junior Brian Kenyon

played a good match that came down to the third set.

"You see that one could have gone either way, one point away from actually having match point. It was tough," said Bailey of Kenyon's match.

A close game between the two of the top teams in the OVC kept everyone on edge throughout the day.

"They had a really good team and are predicted second in the conference and we are predicted third, so sure enough it played out pretty close. I am still proud of them. We hate to lose, but they gave it all they had."

The Gamecocks will

face Alabama State Friday, March 4th in a home game that Bailey seems confident about.

"Good attitudes, good spirit, good energy, we have just got to correct the unforced errors and how you correct those is just to get to work, get better."

Bailey hopes the team can use the upcoming days to focus on correcting the mistakes they made in their loss.

"There were a bunch of unforced errors, but we will fix it. We have got to fix ourselves and if we fix ourselves we will be fine," said Bailey.